Central Valley Water Board Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver Program

Program Compliance



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Why is Compliance our Goal?

Water Board's Goal is:

To Have the Quality of Our Waters Support Beneficial Uses

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Coalition Groups' Goal is:

Demonstrate Cond. Waiver Program Successful to Achieve Ultimate Goal

Today's Presentation

 Overview of Compliance and Enforcement Strategy

Current Enforcement Efforts

Results and Proposed Follow-up

Next Enforcement Efforts

Areas of Program Compliance

- Program Participation (Individual Growers)
- Compliance with Waiver Conditions (Coalition Groups & Individual Filers)
- Compliance with Basin Plan Standards thru Management Practice Implementation (Individual Growers)

Areas of Program Compliance

Current Initial Efforts Focused on Program Participation

Enforcement Strategy

1. Based On Intentionality *

- Unaware of Responsibility to Obtain Regulatory Coverage for Discharge
- Mistakenly Believe That They Are Not A Discharger
- Aware of Legal Responsibilities And Make Intentional Decision Not To Take Coverage

Enforcement Strategy

2. Based On Threat To Water Quality

- Documented Water Quality Impairment
- Pesticide Use
- Farming Patterns and Irrigated Ag Acreage in Drainage Area

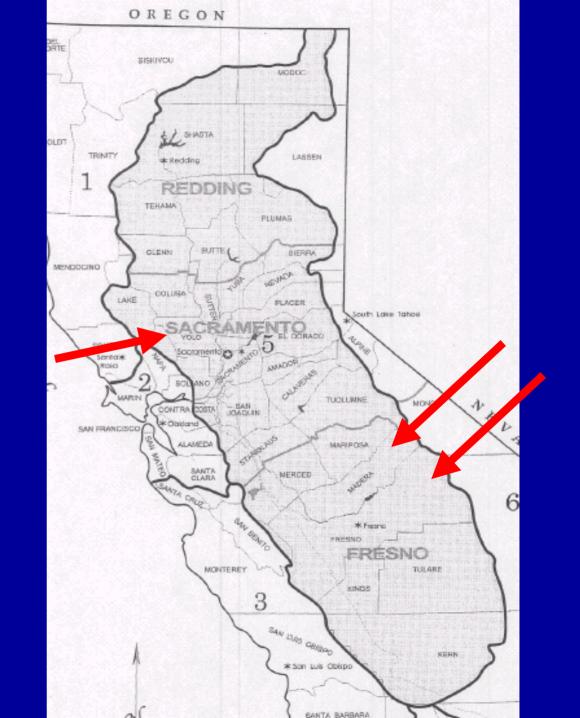
Enforcement Tools

- Verbal Enforcement (Informal)
- Notice of Violation (Informal)
- Technical Report and Investigation (CWC §13267)
- Clean Up and Abatement Order
- Time Schedule Order
- Cease and Desist Order
- Administrative Civil Liability

Issued CWC § 13267 Orders

Yolo CountyBased onPesticide UseReport

• Madera & Fresno County Based on Vicinity to San Joaquin River



Madera County Along San Joaquin River



Madera County Along San Joaquin River



Fresno County Along San Joaquin River



Results of CWC §13267 Order Issuance

Madera

37 Orders Issued

22 Joined Coalition

4 Stated "No Discharge"

11 Did Not Report Back

Yolo

13 Orders Issued

5 Joined Coalition

2 Stated "No Irrigated Lands"

6 Did Not Report Back

Fresno

34 Orders Issued

18 Joined Coalition

4 Stated "No Discharge"

12 Did Not Report Back

Proposed Follow-Up

- 45 Coalition Members (35 Memberships after Issuance)
- Eight "No Discharge" in Madera & Fresno Co.
 Need Verification / Inspection
- Two "No Irrigated Lands" in Yolo Co.
 Verification Inspection

Proposed Follow-Up

~ 29 Non-Responders (16 Reporting Immediately)

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Local Education and Outreach



Administrative Civil Liability (Fine)

Next Proposed Targeted Areas

Issuance Section 13267 Orders

Yuba Co.
 Butte Co.
 Sutter Co.

Upper Pit River
 Subwatershed



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